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**Edelen Releases Audit of Nicholas County Fiscal Court**

**FRANKFORT, Ky.** – State Auditor Adam Edelen has released the audit of the financial statements of the Nicholas County Fiscal Court for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011. State law requires annual audits of county fiscal courts.

The audit found that the county's financial statements, in all material respects, fairly present the county's assets, liabilities, and net assets arising from cash transactions and revenues received and expenditures paid in conformity with the modified cash basis of accounting.

As part of the audit process, the auditor must comment on non-compliance with laws, regulations, contracts and grants. The auditor must also comment on material weaknesses involving the internal control over financial operations and reporting.

The audit contains the following comment:

- **The county's annual financial statement does not meet statutory requirements.** The county's annual financial statement does not meet statutory requirements. The county used their fourth quarter financial statement as their financial statement and attached a summary of expenditures. KRS 424.220 requires public officers who receive or disburse public funds to prepare an itemized, sworn statement of all funds collected, received, held, or disbursed during the fiscal year.

The financial statement is required to show the:

- Total amount collected and received from each individual source.
- Total amount of funds disbursed to each individual payee and the purpose for which expended. The amount of salaries paid to all non-elected county employees can be shown as lump sum expenditures by category.

The financial statement must also have attached:

- Certificate from the cashier or other proper officer from the banks in which the funds are or have been deposited during the past year, showing the balance, if any, of funds to the credit of the officer making the statement.
- Factual list of individual salaries is required to be prepared and available for public scrutiny and furnished by mail to the newspaper which may publish the list as a news item.

We recommend that the county prepare an accurate financial statement in the future.

*County Judge-Executive Kenneth Lyons' response: I will work with the county treasurer to get this corrected.*

This report, in its entirety, can be accessed on the Internet at the following site: [here](#).

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